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Dear Dr. Sklyarov:

Thank you for your letter of March 26 which was fully responsive to my earlier letter. Your materials and those from Dr. Krutov are now in hand, and we look forward to the early receipt of Dr. Filippov's materials.

As indicated in Mr. Carey's cable, it will not be possible for his U.S. subgroup to meet in Moscow on April 15th. He suggests a tentative meeting date the week of May 12. Although Mr. Carey will not be present, I hope that you will be available to meet with Drs. Shull and Feshbach during the week of April 6 or the following week to review the status of the various working group activities. They will contact you through Dr. Loebner to make an appointment. I agree that the question of our meeting together can be deferred until after your discussion with Drs. Shull and Feshbach.

If Dr. Feshbach's visa is authorized today or tomorrow, he will arrive in Moscow on April 5 for a stay of approximately three weeks. We would greatly appreciate your facilitating arrangements so as to make his visit as productive as possible for the benefit of all of our cooperative studies in the field of science policy.

In conclusion, I would like to say that we fully understand and appreciate the technical difficulties you have encountered in adhering to our ambitious timetable. We, too, are experiencing similar difficulties in translation, etc. But most important is the spirit of cooperation and the high degree of mutual interest that continue to characterize our joint efforts.

Most sincerely,

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My dear Mr. Beckler

In the letter of 1 March, you, as always, with precise clarity characterized the state of affairs dealing with the fulfillment of obligations of the sides and reflected concern in connection with the delay in receipt of necessary materials from the Soviet subgroups.

I will not lay out the reasons for these delays, even more so because they are not of principal character but are purely of technical character. More important is to send you a package of all the materials which are required for further development of the work. This we are trying to do.

Together with this letter, we are sending to Dr. William B. Carey responses of the Soviet side to the questions of the American experts for the first subgroup (140 pages, 2 copies).

Simultaneously, Dr. Krutov forwarded to the American Embassy in Moscow for transmission to Dr. D. Wolfle [previously] not supplied course plans and programs of study of students in various specialties as well as a number of tables and other materials.

I know that Dr. Filippov has prepared and will send tomorrow, the 27th of March, to Dr. Shull all the materials which he has to transmit. If with this we take into account that between Dr. Grishayev and Dr. Hollomon there has taken place an exchange of letters, then one can consider that some quantitative quality in exchange of material has been restored.

It should be noted that we have already come across the unforeseen difficulties in connection with the translation into Russian of a large quantity of materials received from you. In order to effect the translations, unfortunately a long time is required. I believe that analogous difficulties also occur on your side. In connection with this, we propose to take additional steps so as to prevent delays in work.

You asked would it not be of value for you to come to Moscow to have a joint review of the questions related to accelerating the fulfillment of work? A meeting with you would give me great satisfaction and will always facilitate progress in cooperation between our groups. However, it seems to me that the question of our next meeting could be reviewed after the visit to Moscow of Drs. Feshbach, Carey and Shull, with whom we will discuss the state of affairs and plans for the near future. In the event that after this there would remain any kind of unresolved questions, we will meet with you at any time convenient to you.

I accept with satisfaction your proposal on the systematic exchange of letters between us on the course of work of the expert subgroups every two months.

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Let me take the opportunity to inform you of the fact that I have received finally the text of the reports which were delivered by American scientists at the conference which took place last year in Washington. At the present time, we are preparing for printing in Russian a collection of reports (American and Soviet specialists) which in the next two-three months will be published by us as a separate brochure.

Taking into consideration that at the last session of the Commission it was recommended to us to continue conducting conferences or symposiums using the example of the indicated conference, we should think further about this question. If you have no objections, we will exchange opinions on this matter with Dr. Carey during the time of his visit in Moscow this April.

Sincerely yours,

E. Sklyarov
Chairman of the Soviet Side

Moscow

March 26, 1975

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